

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A portable communication apparatus comprising:
a display unit configured to display information a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;
a pointer specifying one portion of the information of one of the plurality of lists,
and a mark indicating a direction said pointer can be shifted;
an operation unit configured to be operated by a user;
a controller configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance
with an operation of said operation unit ~~and to eliminate said mark from the display unit if said
pointer can not be shifted in the direction said mark indicates, to eliminate a mark indicating a
direction if said pointer can not be shifted to another list in a desired direction from the currently
displayed list.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according
to claim 1, wherein said operation unit is a dial which is rotated by said user.

3. (Previously Presented) The portable communication apparatus according
to claim 1, wherein said operation unit is a push key operated by said user.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion-unit and to eliminate a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit ~~if when~~ the screen of ~~the~~ an upper hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 4 claim 1, wherein

said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion-unit and to eliminate a mark indicating the lower direction from the display unit ~~if when~~ the screen of ~~the~~ a lower hierarchy of the selected piece of information by said pointer is not displayed.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a reproduction unit configured to reproduce audio data; and
said portion of the information is a title of a song.

8. (Currently Amended) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a editing unit configured to edit the order of said portions portion of the information on said display unit.

9. (Currently Amended) The portable communication apparatus according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation-portion unit and to eliminate a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit ~~ifwhen~~ the display unit displays ~~the~~ highest hierarchy of the information.

10. (Currently Amended) The portable communication apparatus according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion-unit and to eliminate a mark indicating the lower direction from the display unit ~~ifwhen~~ the display unit displays ~~the~~ lowest hierarchy of the information.

11. (Currently Amended) A display controlling method, the method comprising steps of:

displaying ~~portions of information~~ a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;

providing a pointer specifying one portion of information of ~~said portions of information~~ a one of the plurality of lists,

providing a mark indicating a direction said pointer can be shifted on the display;

detecting that an operation unit is operated by a user;

shifting said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit; and

~~eliminating said mark from said display if said pointer can not be shifted in the direction said mark indicates.~~ eliminating a mark indicating a direction when said pointer can not be shifted to another list in the direction from the currently displayed list.

12. (Currently Amended) A portable communication apparatus comprising:
a display unit configured to display information a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;

a pointer specifying one portion of the information of one of the plurality of lists, and a mark indicating a direction said pointer can be shifted;

an operation portion configured to be operated by a user;
a controller configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion-unit and to eliminate said mark from the display unit if ~~a portion of information another list~~ does not exist at the next position of a portion of information of a currently displayed list specified by said pointer in the direction which said mark indicates.

13 (Original) The portable communication apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said portable communication apparatus has four marks for indicating up, down, right and left directions;

said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position and to eliminate at least one mark from the display unit ~~if when~~ a portion of information does not exist at the next position of a portion of information specified by said pointer in the direction which one of said four markers indicates.

14. (Currently Amended) A display controlling method, the method comprising the steps of:
- displaying ~~portions of information~~ a plurality of lists in a hierarchy;
- providing a mark for specifying one portion of information one of the plurality of lists;
- indicating a direction a pointer can be shifted on the display;
- detecting an operation by a user;
- shifting said pointer to a ~~desirable~~desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit; and
- eliminating said mark from the display ~~if when~~ a particular portion of information ~~another list~~ does not exist at the next position of a portion of information of a currently displayed list specified by said pointer in the direction in which said mark indicates.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
- providing four marks indicating up, down, right and left directions;
- shifting said pointer to a desirable position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit and to eliminate at least a mark from the display unit ~~if when~~ a portion of information does not exist at the next position of a portion of information specified by said pointer in the direction which one of said four ~~markers~~marks indicates.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein

said portions of information are listed in a hierarchy on said display unit.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:

shifting said pointer to a ~~desirable~~desired position in accordance with an operation; and eliminating a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit ~~if when~~ there is not the screen of the upper hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising:
shifting said pointer to a desirable position in accordance with an operation; and
eliminating a mark indicating the lower direction from the display unit if there is not the screen of the lower hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

editing the sequence of said portions of information on said display.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

configuring said controller to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion and to eliminate a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit if the display unit displays the highest hierarchy of the information.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

configuring said controller to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion and to eliminate a mark indicating the lower direction from the display unit if the display unit displays the lowest hierarchy of the information.

22. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said operation unit is a dial which is rotated by said user.

23. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said operation unit is a push key operated by said user.

24. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein a controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit and to eliminate a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit if the screen of an upper hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer is not displayed.

26. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit and to eliminate a mark indicating a lower direction from the display unit when

the screen of the lower hierarchy of the selected piece of information by said pointer is not displayed.

27. (New) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:
reproducing audio data; and
wherein said plurality of lists are a plurality of titles of songs.

28. (New) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:
editing the order of said plurality of lists on said display unit.

29. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit and to eliminate a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit if the display unit displays a highest hierarchy of the information.

30. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation unit and to eliminate a mark indicating a lower direction from the display unit if the display unit displays the lowest hierarchy of the information.

31. (New) The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:
four marks indicating up, down, right and left directions; and

said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desirable position in accordance with an operation of said operation and to eliminate at least a mark from the display unit if a portion of information does not exist at the next position of a portion of information specified by said pointer in the direction which one of said four markers indicates.

32. (New) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desirable position in accordance with an operation; and eliminate a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit if there is not the screen of the upper hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer.

33. (New) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desirable position in accordance with an operation; and eliminate a mark indicating the lower direction from the display unit if there is not the screen of the lower hierarchy of the selected portion of information by said pointer.

34. (New) The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising an editor configure to edit the sequence of said portions of information on said display.

35. (New) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion and to eliminate a mark indicating the upper direction from the display unit when the display unit displays the highest hierarchy of the information.

36. (New) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said controller is configured to shift said pointer to a desired position in accordance with an operation of said operation portion and to eliminate a mark indicating the lower direction from the display unit when the display unit displays the lowest hierarchy of the information.